

VMM-263 Commanding Officer's Substance Abuse Policy



Alcohol and drug abuse is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and to the Marine Corps mission, and will not be tolerated. Alcohol and drug abuse contributes to domestic abuse, financial difficulties, and sexual assault. Alcohol and drug offenses must and will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.

Alcohol and drug abuse is defined as the use of either substance to such an extent that it has an adverse effect on performance, conduct, discipline, or mission effectiveness, and/or the user's health, behavior, family, community, or the Marine Corps, or leads to unacceptable behavior as evidenced by one or more acts of alcohol or drug related misconduct.

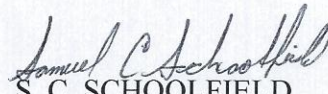
In all substance abuse incidents, the Marine is assessed by the unit Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO), counseled by the unit commander, disciplined if warranted, and referred to the nearest Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC).

VMM-263 has an appointed SACO, whose contact information is posted in the squadron spaces. His role is to prevent substance abuse by administering the urinalysis program and educating Marines about the dangers of substance abuse. He also refers abusers to the Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC) for treatment.

The Substance Abuse Counseling Center on New River is located in Building AS-90. The substance abuse counselors can be reached at (910) 449-5242 or (910) 449-6342.

VMM-263 also has an Arrive Alive Program with local taxi companies. Present your Arrive Alive card and the squadron duty will pay the driver that night. You can reimburse the Arrive Alive fund the next day. The program is purely preventative, there will be no repercussions from using it. Furthermore, any member of the squadron would rather get a call from a drunk Marine who needs a ride home than get a call from law enforcement or the hospital with the bad news after an alcohol related incident.

Thunder Eagles, do the right thing, take care of each other and have a plan. Don't allow an alcohol or drug related incident to tarnish your hard work in the squadron or your reputation as a Marine.


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